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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 1983 - SUMMARY

MAJOR STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS TODAY:

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINE TREATMENT GIVEN TO FRENCH
GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO CHAD TO TRAIN
CHADIAN FORCES. RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS QUOTE FRENCH
DEFENSE MINISTER CHARLES HERNU'S REMARKS THAT IT IS
QADHAFI (AND NOT FRANCE) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE CONFLICT. CONSERVATIVE
PRESS IS WORRIED AND REGRETS DISCORDANT FRENCH AND US
DECLARATIONS ON COORDINATION OF AID. LEFTIST PAPERS
FEAR FRANCE IS CAUGHT IN ESCALATION.

THE COUP IN GUATEMALA RECEIVES EDITORIAL ATTENTION IN
LE MONDE, LES ECHOS AND QUOTIDIEN. REPORTS SPECULATE
THAT US RECEIVED ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT MOVE. POPE
JOHN-PAUL II'S VISIT TO LOURDES (SOUTHWEST FRANCE) IS
OTHER MAIN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE.

US MIDDLE EAST ENVOY MCFARLANE'S MEETINGS WITH KING
FAHD AND KING HUSSEIN ARE MENTIONED. REPORTS THAT
INTEREST RATES REMAIN HIGH IN EUROPE AND US ENCOURAGE
SPECULATION THAT THE DOLLAR WILL SURGE AGAIN.

FRANCE-SOIR'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT
OFFICIAL REPORTS REVEAL US AGENTS LIED TO PROTECT NAZI
CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE**.

HEADLINES:

CHAD AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO
N'DJAMENA:

"180 FRENCH PARATROOPERS TO CHAD AS
ADVISERS"--FRANCE-SOIR

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"CHAD: GROWING PERILS"; "PARIS SENDS ONE 'MILITARY
UNIT' TO CHAD"--FIGARO

"CONFLICT IS INTERNATIONALIZED"--LES ECHOS

"FRANCE CAUGHT IN THE ESCALATION"--LE MATIN

"WORRYING EVOLUTION"--HUMANITE

"FRENCH PARATROOPERS COME OFF THEIR RESERVE"--LIBERATION

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COUP IN GUATEMALA:

"AFTER PUTSCH, GUATEMALA MARCHES IN STEP"--FIGARO

"ONE COUP FOR NOTHING"--LES ECHOS

"ORDINARY COUP BY AN ORDINARY GENERAL CLOSELY WATCHED BY UNCLE SAM"--QUOTIDIEN

"REAGAN CHANGES HIS PUPPET"--HUMANITE

"A 'TOUGH' GENERAL REPLACES A 'MYSTICAL'

GENERAL"--LIBERATION

US MIDDLE ENVOY MCFARLANE'S MISSION:

"MCFARLANE'S STOP IN SAUDI ARABIA"--FIGARO

THE DOLLAR:

"STABILIZATION OF THE DOLLAR BUT US RATES ARE

FRIGHTENING"--LES ECHOS

"US INTEREST RATES ARE HIGH AND THE DOLLAR IS

EXPENSIVE: EUROPE IS UNHAPPY"--QUOTIDIEN

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT:

CHAD:

FIGARO FRONTPAGE REPORT BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN

CHAD, THIERRY DESJARDINS: "...IF HISSENE HABRE LOSES

FAYA-LARGEAU, HE WILL LOSE HIS POWER IN THE COMING

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DAYS AND QADHAFI'S MAN, GOUKOUNI, WILL ENTER

N'DJAMENA. CHAD WILL BECOME A LIBYAN COLONY LIKE UPPER

VOLTA AND IT IS SUFFICIENT TO LOOK AT A MAP TO

UNDERSTAND THAT MALI, NIGER, CAMEROUN AND CENTRAL

AFRICA WILL BE THREATENED. IN SHORT, ALL OF AFRICA

COULD VACILLATE....SOVIET EXPERTS ARE DELIGHTED.

RARELY IN THE HISTORY OF THE EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION

HAD SUCH A BIG STAKE WON BEEN SO CHEAPLY. HISSENE

HABRE'S ENTOURAGE STILL DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE

ATTITUDE OF THE WEST AND THE LEAST WE CAN SAY IS THAT

HE IS VERY BITTER....US AIRPLANES WERE SENT TO

'OBSERVE' THIS BIG WESTERN DEFEAT. IT IS OUT OF THE

QUESTION THAT THEY INTERVENE. THE US PRESIDENT

CONTENTS HIMSELF WITH SURVEILLANCE, A SURVEILLANCE

WHICH RESEMBLES MASOCHISM....PARIS CONTINUES TO AFFIRM

THAT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN IF LIBYA INTERVENES.

UNBELIEVABLE. EVERY DAY, LIBYAN PRISONERS ARE

DISPLAYED HERE. EVERY DAY WE SEE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING

THAT THE OFFENSIVE IS PURELY LIBYAN. HOW CAN WE

EXPLAIN THE BLINDNESS--OR THE BAD FAITH--OF THE FRENCH

OFFICIALS VIS-A-VIS THE CHADIANS AND OTHER AFRICANS WHO

STILL HAVE CONFIDENCE IN US?...."

FIGARO EDITORIAL BY EDITOR IN CHIEF JACQUES

JACQUET-FRANCILLON: "...WHY DID CHEYSSON AFFIRM ON

TELEVISION THAT THERE IS NO 'COOPERATION' WITH REAGAN'S

AMERICA WHILE RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AFFIRMED THAT

SERIOUS 'CONSULTATIONS' HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND ARE

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PERMANENTLY CONTINUING BETWEEN PARIS AND WASHINGTON ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN CHAD? WHY REFUSE TO ADMIT THIS HEALTHY POLICY AS IF WE WERE TRYING TO HIDE A SHAMEFUL DISEASE? A FRANCE WHICH SOON WILL HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO CALL ON THE AID OF THE IMF CAN NEVERTHELESS MAINTAIN A GOOD AND EFFICIENT POLICY IN AFRICA IF IT HONESTLY PLAYS THE GAME OF THE ALLIANCES.

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THIS IS NOT HUMILIATING. THIS IS A REASONABLE ATTITUDE. LET'S HOPE THAT WE WILL ADOPT THIS ATTITUDE IN THE FUTURE."

QUOTIDIEN FRONTPAGE ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CHAD: "CLAUDE CHEYSSON DOES NOT MISS ONE OPPORTUNITY. DECIDEDLY, DIPLOMACY IS NOT HIS FIELD. WE SHOULD HAVE A SPECIAL DAILY COLUMN TO REPORT THE LONG LIST OF HIS GAFFES, DAY AFTER DAY....IT IS NO FUN BUT RATHER HUMILIATING TO HEAR A DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPOKESMAN SUGGEST WITH IRONY THAT IF THE FRENCH MINISTER DOESN'T KNOW THAT COORDINATION OCCURRED BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE US...IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE HE IS TAKING TOO MANY TOURS IN THE CARIBBEAN....THERE WAS FRANCO-US COORDINATION ON CHAD AS THERE WAS COORDINATION ON LEBANON....THE GAFFE CONSISTS IN INCREASING THE CONVICTION OF OUR FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN PARTNERS THAT THE AMERICANS ARE CLEARLY RUNNING THE GAME, THAT THE US ONLY CAN PLAY THE ROLE OF UMBRELLA IN THAT WORLD OF JACKALS AT A TIME WHEN, IN WASHINGTON AND N'DJAMENA, THESE VERY AMERICANS ARE TRYING--WE HAVE VERY REASONS TO BELIEVE THEM--TO CONVINCE EVERYONE THAT THEY HAVE NO REASON TO REPLACE THE FRENCH....MR. CHEYSSON, FRANCOPHONE AFRICA'S PULSE IS BAD AND YOU JUST MADE IT BEAT FASTER. OTHER AFRICAN TROOPS WILL SOON JOIN THOSE OF ZAAIRE IN COORDINATION WITH WASHINGTON. WE MAY WANT TO OPPOSE THE OBJECTIVES OF REAGAN, BUT WE MUST AGREE THAT WE SERVE THEM VERY WELL BY TRYING TO SIT ON THE FENCE. WE PRETEND TO SPARE AFRICA FROM THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE EAST-WEST CONFLICT BUT IN REALITY WE DO JUST THE OPPOSITE."

ALSO QUOTIDIEN BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARC ROCHE. INTRODUCTION READS: "DID REAGAN UNDERESTIMATE MITTERRAND'S DETERMINATION NOT TO INTERVENE MILITARILY

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IN CHAD? SUCH IS THE PREVAILING IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON IN THE FACE OF THE DIVERGING EVALUATIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IN CHAD AND THE LACK OF CORDIAL ENTENTE BETWEEN THE TWO ALLIES ON AID TO HISSENE HABRE. THE FRANCO-US IDYLL WHICH IS BASED ON FOREIGN POLICY COULD SUFFER FROM THE DIFFERENCES OVER MEANS OF OPPOSING THE LIBYAN AID TO THE REBELS." EXCERPTS REPORT READ: "...WITH THE HOPE OF CONVINCING THE FRENCH TO ENGAGE MILITARILY IN CHAD, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO INCREASE ITS PRESSURES ON PARIS BY PROXY OF FRANCOPHONE AFRICA (SENEGALISE PRESIDENT ABDOU DIOUF ARRIVES TODAY IN WASHINGTON IN THE WAKE OF MOBUTU'S VISIT LAST WEEK)...." LE MATIN COMMENT BY REPORTER ELIO COMARIN: "IT IS CLEAR THAT QADHAFI DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE WARNING ADDRESSED BY FRANCE LAST THURSDAY AND CONFIRMED BY CLAUDE CHEYSSON MONDAY NIGHT....IN SENDING 180 TROOPS TO N'DJAMENA, FRANCE ANSWERED A DOUBLE CHALLENGE: THAT OF QADHAFI AND THAT OF REAGAN CLEARLY TEMPTED TO PLAY HIS ROLE OF 'COWBOY' ON AN UNKNOWN TERRAIN. AS ANY CHALLENGE, THERE ARE ENORMOUS RISKS. TO BEGIN WITH THAT OF BEING CAUGHT IN THE ESCALATION OF A BEGINNING CONFLICT...."

HUMANITE FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL BY REPORTER JOSE FORT: "...WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAKES ITS DECISION IN A TOTALLY SOVEREIGN WAY. LAST MONDAY, CHEYSSON DENIED THE DECLARATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S SPOKESMAN ACCORDING TO WHICH REAGAN'S DECISION TO SEND AWACS SPY PLANES WAS MADE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS, AMONG THEM THAT OF FRANCE. THE FRENCH MINISTER CLARIFIED: 'WE DO NOT DEPEND ON US DECISIONS. WE HAVE NO REASON TO ACT UNIQUELY WITH THE AMERICANS OR

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SYSTEMATICALLY ON THE SIDE OF THE AMERICANS.' THERE ARE REASONABLE REASONS TO WONDER. HAVE NEW ELEMENTS APPEARED IN RECENT HOURS?....FRANCE SHOULD AVOID THE TRAP, RESPECT THE ACCORD REACHED AND WORK TOWARD NEGOTIATION AND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT."

LIBERATION FRONTPAGE INTRODUCTION: "...THIS FRENCH PARTICIPATION OCCURS AFTER LONG US PRESSURE...."

INSIDE-PAGE REPORT: "...US PRESSURES ADMIRABLY WORKED

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TO INVOLVE FRANCE FURTHER IN CHAD....THESE PRESSURES WERE INCREASED BY THE FACT THAT FRANCE'S TRADITIONAL ALLIES IN AFRICA ARE INCREASINGLY TURNING TOWARD THE US TO CONFRONT THE CHADIAN CONFLICT. AFTER HOUPHOUET BOIGNY WHO VISITED WASHINGTON A FEW WEEKS AGO, THERE WAS MOBUTU FROM ZAIRE AND NOW THE SENEGALESE PRESIDENT ABOU DIOUF ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AFFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT US OFFICIALS WOULD ASK HIM TO INSIST THAT FRANCE INCREASE ITS AID TO CHAD...." ALSO IN LIBERATION, BY GERARD DUPUY, "...THE FRENCH LEFT IS EMBARKING ON AN ADVENTURE...IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO PERSUADE THE FRENCH PUBLIC. IT WILL BE EVEN HARDER TO CONVINCE THIRD WORLD REVOLUTIONARIES...THE FRENCH ARE RUNNING THE RISK OF AN OPEN CONFLICT WITH QADHAFI. WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THEM?...THERE IS THE 'PRESSURE' FROM WASHINGTON. BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR REAGAN TO BEG MITTERRAND FOR THE LATTER TO YEILD, UNLESS THERE IS SOME KIND OF BLACKMAIL...IN SHORT, THE AMERICANS ARE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE -(QADHAFI AND MITTERRAND). FORCED INTO MAKING A DECISION, MITTERRAND IS ACTING, BUT IT IS NOT EASY TO TIPTOE WHEN ONE IS WEARING COMBAT BOOTS."

COUP IN GUATEMALA:

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LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "THIRTY MINUTES AND FIVE DEAD WERE ENOUGH TO CHANGE A PAWN AS THE LEADER OF GUATEMALA....WASHINGTON AND THE LEADERS OF HIS ARMY PROVIDED 'BROTHER EFRAIN' WITH A WAY OUT SIMILAR TO THAT PREPARED BY THE CIA, THIRTY YEARS AGO, FOR ROBERTO ARGENZ....AT A TIME WHEN ATTENTION FOCUSES ON THE BIG US-HONDURAN MILITARY MANEUVERS AT THE NICARAGUAN BORDER, THE AMERICANS SHOW ONCE AGAIN THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY RULERS OF THE GAME IN GUATEMALA." QUOTIDIEN EDITORIAL ON PAGE 15: "...CAN THE SITUATION CHANGE AS LONG AS A LARGE MAJORITY LIVES IN DREADFUL MISERY EXPLOITED BY AN OLIGARCHIES THAT IS PROTECTED BY MILITARY GOVERNMENT? A PROBLEM FOR WASHINGTON EXPERTS WHO ARE CONVINCED THAT A SOCIAL CHANGE WOULD BRING COMMUNISM IN THE COUNTRY."

LIBERATION ON PAGE 14: "...IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE US WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE--AND GAVE ITS APPROVAL--TO THE PLANNED COUP...."

MIDDLE EAST ENVOY MCFARLANE'S MEETING WITH KING FAHD: FIGARO UNSIGNED ITEM ON PAGE 4: "PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SPECIAL ENVOY MCFARLANE WAS APPARENTLY UNABLE TO CONVINCE KING FAHD. AFTER MAKING HIM WAIT FOR ALMOST

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TWENTY FOUR HOURS, KING FAHD REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE NEW PROPOSAL FOR A PARTIAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN LEBANON...."

US INTEREST RATES AND THE DOLLAR:

FIGARO ON PAGE 6: "LAST WEEK, PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID: 'SOME PEOPLE DISLIKE OUR STRONG DOLLAR AND BLAME IT ON OUR INTEREST RATES. BUT LET'S REMEMBER SOMETHING.

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OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE HIGHER INTEREST RATES THAN WE DO'. TO A CERTAIN EXTENT THIS REMARK IS TRUE....BUT THE LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO EXPLAIN THE SURGE OF THE DOLLAR. OTHER ELEMENTS INTERVENE SUCH AS ECONOMIC GROWTH PROSPECTS OR CONFIDENCE...."

QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 10: "...THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE INCREASE IN US PRIME RATE WILL ENCOURAGE NEW CAPITALS TO JOIN THE US CURRENCY...."

HUMANITE ON PAGE 5: "LIKE A KING, REAGAN WANTS HIS VASSALS TO PAY THE COST OF HIS ARMS RACE AND HIS AID TO US MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES...."

NAZI CRIMINAL BARBIE:

FRANCE-SOIR ON PAGE 7 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT LOUIS FOY UNDER TITLE: "US AGENTS LIED TO SAVE **BARBIE**".

EXCERPTS READ: "IF **KLAUS** BARBIE...LONG ESCAPED FRENCH JUSTICE, IT'S THANKS TO US OFFICIALS AND TO THE TORTUOUS MANEUVERS OF US INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO OBTAIN HIS COLLABORATION. THIS IS REVEALED IN A REPORT WHICH WILL SOON BE PUBLISHED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE...."

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FRONTPAGE ARTICLES: WP FROM BONN: "BONN CABINET SHARPLY DIVIDED OVER REAGAN'S LATIN POLICIES"; NYT FROM ROME: "JESUITS PREPARING TO PICK A LEADER AMID DISPUTE OVER PONTIFF'S ROLE"; IHT FROM ROME: "CRAXI'S 'TURNING POINT' FOR ITALY HAS DOUBTERS".

EDITPAGE: WP: "BOUNCE IN THE PRIME"; WP: "CARXI'S BIG GAMBLE".

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